

III. REMARKS

1. Claims 3-5 and 8 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 16-20 are new.

Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 6-7 and 9-15.

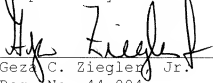
2. The Examiner has rejected claims 3-5 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Chang et al., 0-7803-3692, IEEE 5/96 ("Chang"). Claims 3-5 and 8 are cancelled without prejudice so that this rejection is moot at this time.

3. Newly added claim 16 is based on claim 9 and newly added claim 20 is based on claim 11.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,


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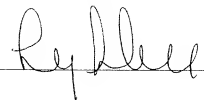
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